



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Acting Director of Public Works

### **EMERGENCY DECLARATION TO REPAIR DAMAGED ROAD AND FLOOD CONTROL FACILITIES DUE TO EARLY JANUARY 2005 RAINSTORMS**

On January 25, 2005, your Board made a finding that an emergency situation existed that required immediate measures be undertaken to repair damage to County roads and flood control facilities throughout the County to restore access to residents and businesses and to minimize the risk of additional flood damage from future storms.

The status of the emergency contracts is as follows:

1. Public Works has been aggressive in negotiating and executing contracts on behalf of the County to procure the necessary equipment, services, and supplies to perform repairs to County roads and flood control facilities.
2. Of the 138 total road closures, as a result of the January storms, only 9 unincorporated County roads remain completely closed with 8 remaining partially closed.
3. Removal of sediment from critically full debris basins and inlets and repairs to essential flood control facilities are completed. Sediment removal activities from Winery Debris Basin, Brand Debris Basin, Private Drain 2049 Castaic Mustang, Private Drain 1920 Castaic Roybal, and Private Drain 2275 Castaic Victoria have been completed with Public Works forces. Sediment removal from Sunset Lower Debris Basin will be implemented in September 2005 with Public Works forces and will not require an emergency contract.

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Although significant progress has been made, the following locations, on the original list of work to be completed through emergency contracting, cannot be simply replaced in-kind and require a significant design effort.

1. Hillside Drive near Summit Road (\$1 million)
2. Las Flores Canyon Road (\$3.7 million)
3. San Francisquito Canyon Road (\$6.6 million)
4. Schueren Road, south of Saddle Peak (\$7.0 million)

The damages to these roads have seriously impaired access to many residents and businesses throughout the County and must be repaired as soon as possible. This Emergency Declaration will expedite the competitive process for solicitation of bids and also the repair of these critical roadways. We recommend that your Board determine that there is still a need to continue this emergency action and that the Executive Officer continue to place this item on the agenda for Board review every 14 days in accordance with the Public Contract Code, Section 22050.

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
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